

VALUE OF PLATINUM ONCE AT LOW MARK

Metal Was Formerly Used
by Counterfeiters.

Schenectady, N. Y.,—Platinum, the metal which is now used as a setting for the rarest jewels and which has proved so valuable in many branches of industry, was once used as a "base metal" for counterfeiting gold coins, according to historians of the metal. The process was to strike off the coins in platinum and then to cover them with a thin deposit of gold.

It is many times that some of these "worthless" coins, having a value now of between \$10 and \$20, may still be floating about in the hands of people who think they are "good" gold coins.

Centuries ago platinum was used freely by certain South American savages to make jewelry, and it was also used by the Incas to make ceremonial vessels. The American Museum of Natural History in New York contains a collection of such ornaments taken from tombs in Ecuador, supposed to be not less than two thousand years old.

Their old art of working platinum was lost, however, until about 300 years after the Spaniards came to America. At that time it was not recognized as having any value except as a curiosity, and it was not until another hundred years had passed that its value was at all considered.

Metal Has Many Uses.

It was with the awakening of interest in the physical sciences, and especially with the development of electricity to human use, that platinum first gained its present high intrinsic value. In scientific laboratories, where research which some day will benefit the human race is now being carried on, platinum has many uses, for there has been no found substitute in delicate instruments of various kinds.

Strangely enough, too, a large part of the platinum now produced has been made available through the very medium which gave it its present value—electricity.

A large part of the platinum produced today comes from a swampy jungle region of the republic of Colombia, South America, where huge deposits especially equipped with electrical equipment bring the precious substance from the swollen tropical rivers.

Mines in Tropical Regions.

The region in which the metal is mined is a tropical one, and the sparsely inhabited territory, covered almost entirely by virgin jungle, is hydrographically peculiar, showing an average annual rainfall of over 800 inches; a temperature averaging 80 degrees during the day, the year round, and humidity the approaching saturation point.

The story of the establishment of this modern mining industry, and of the obstacles to its development in electricity, is a typical story of the hardships and dangers of the construction of the huge dredges, the building of a power house with a generator, the laying of water lines, and the use of a 3,000-volt transmission line through the swampy jungle.

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Bobbing of Hair Means
Something in Australia

London.—Up-to-date women have their hair shingled among the Australian aborigines in the region of Gregory's sea, and it is a husband's prerogative to cut his wife's hair with sharpened stones.

Such is the story of hairdressing in Australia which Michael Terry, explorer, has brought back to London after a trip through little-known parts of northern Australia.

Female hair is much prized by the aborigines, as it is used in weaving belts and making various sorts of ornaments.

Golf Widower
Browned, who has an income of \$50,000 a year, regards himself as a golf widower. He avers that Mrs. Brown was so busy seeking golf titles that she would not sew a button on his shirt.

DREAMY MEXICO IS SHOWING SOME PEP

Grasps Boosting Spirit of United States.

Dallas.—Dreamy Mexico, land of mummies, is waking up. The latest in intellectual and material things is delightfully blending with the native and customs which keep Mexico peculiarly its own.

The boosting spirit of residents of the United States is one of the things being grasped and used by Mexican citizens with civic pride.

Particularly in those areas which are reached by railroads, a large portion of the travel from the United States is a growing reality to alien influence.

Members of the party are advised that the traveler sees movies at the border. He is greeted by street placards announcing baseball games and prize fights, and he finds doggerel thrust into his hands urging him to attend.

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SON OF RED CHIEF IS MADE LIT. D.

Indian Is Given Honorary Degree by University.

Washington.—Because of his scholarly contributions to the study of the Quinlan Indians of North Carolina, and because of his efforts to help the people, Francis La Flesche, Smithsonian ethnologist, has received an honorary degree of doctor of letters from the University of Nebraska.

La Flesche was born in a tribe of the Quinlan Indians of Nebraska. He was the son of Joseph La Flesche, a chief of the Omaha, a far-seeing and intelligent man, who recognized the fact that the white man had come to stay and that power resided in the hands of the white man.

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APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5, 1926

EVERGREEN

Revival services were held at the Methodist Church here came to a close Sunday night. Rev. Lavender, of Appomattox did the preaching which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. R. Jennings and daughter, Miss Gladys Jennings, were also visitors at the sea shore.

Miss Madien and Ethylene Lee have returned from a visit to relatives in Roanoke to Blacksburg, they report a fine time.

Mrs. Bettie Cavett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Farrar at Church Road.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor, of Va., are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Herbert Taylor, of Roanoke, Va., who has been visiting, has returned to his home.

Miss Ella J. Farrar last week.

Miss Ursel Woodridge, of the S. T. C., Farmville, was the guest of her home people last week end.

There will be a lawn party at the Presbyterian Church next Saturday afternoon beginning at 5 o'clock.

Miss Dorothy Woodlee, Mrs. J. W. Davis and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. J. S. Dinkins, of Lynchburg, returned to their homes in Lynchburg Sunday, they were sure to have had an enjoyable time and wish to spend a few more weeks in the country during these hot days.

STONEWALL
Mr. and Mrs. Deb Babcock, of Gladstone, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Babcock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scruggs.

Miss Frances Martin, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Helen Selph.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Alvis, and little daughter, of Clifton Forge and Mr. Allen O'Brien, of Appomattox, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis.

Miss Anna LeGrand, of Lynchburg, arrived Sunday to spend sometime in the home of J. A. Stratton.

Aubrey Stratton, of Beckley, W. Va., is expected home Thursday for a brief stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mrs. Norman Lee and sons, Jack and Bob, of Lynchburg, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sandage this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill Carter, of Roanoke, visited Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Carson, Sunday. Mrs. Carter remained over for a week's visit.

Messadams A. F. Drinkard and Mr. M. Drinkard, of near Stapleton, were dinner guests of Mrs. C. M. Stratton last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Adolphus Perrow and children, of Sherwill are visiting Mrs. Perrow's father and sister, Mr. Robert Moore and sister, Alpha Moore, Little Miss Nellie Turner who has been spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. Perrow, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass, of Richmond, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Tanner.

PAMPLIN

Miss Susie Watson, of Cullen, held a S. S. Institute here at Baptist Church last week. It was very interesting and helpful. About 15 persons studying S. S. Manual.

Mrs. H. T. Terry entertained a few friends for supper on last Wednesday evening. Her guests list were Mesdames C. R. James, E. L. Paulette, Curtis Harvey, Ernest Jameson and Kate Franklin.

Ernest Jameson made a business trip to Richmond on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Earle Jameson and Chatham Taylor.

Messies Mary West Terry and Betty Terry, of Lynchburg, are visiting in the homes of B. G. Anderson and J. J. Harvey.

Miss Ernestine Southall is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Neal, in Charlottesville.

Ricky and Acres Southall, of Lynchburg, were the guests of their parents at Park Hotel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne and children, spent a portion of last week at Va. Beach.

Miss Hilda Ligon is visiting in Richmond.

Mrs. Josie Marshall and two children, were this week's guests at the home of Wiley Richardson.

Hammer Moses, of Tabor, N. C., is expected home soon.

Mrs. E. G. Harvey is very much better at this time.

Miss Elgie Gilliam is visiting relatives at Prospect.

Mrs. Bernard Carey, of Farmville was the recent guest of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Gilliam.

Mrs. Laura Beale had as her recent guests, her sister, Mrs. J. V. Spear, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Buck Trent, of Appomattox.

The Woman's Auxiliary, of Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. Bob Nutty, on last Wednesday. Mrs. Nutty, her daughter, Mrs. Blackburn, served delightful refreshments.

S. S. Day at Methodist Church was observed last Sunday. The program was enjoyed very much.

Rev. C. R. James closed a successful meeting at Evergreen on last Sunday. Bro. James is a very earnest gospel preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harvey spent Monday in Lynchburg.

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